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**FORMER MVA EMPLOYEE PLEADS GUILTY**

**Baltimore, Maryland** - Thomas M. DiBiagio, United States Attorney for the District of Maryland, announced that Walter R. Campbell, Jr. of Worton, Maryland, plead guilty today before United States District Judge Andre M. Davis to conspiracy to produce false identity documents.

In a statement of facts provided to the court as part of the plea agreement, Campbell admitted that from 1999 to March 2003 while an employee of the Elkton Branch Office of the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration, he processed 180 applications for Maryland drivers' licenses for illegal aliens who were not entitled to receive them. Campbell issued the licenses despite being presented with false identification documents. He helped applicants who did not speak English pass written drivers' tests by supplying them with the correct answers. Some applicants have used the drivers' licenses to apply for drivers' licenses in other states.

Campbell faces a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison followed by 3 years of supervised release and a \$250,000 fine. Judge Davis scheduled sentencing for November 20, 2003 at 2:30 p.m.

The case is a result of a joint investigation between the U.S. Department of Transportation, Office of Inspector General; the Dover, Delaware Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U.S.

Postal Inspection Service, New Castle, Delaware and the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U. S. Attorney Lisa Griffin.